

FOUR CATEGORIES OF PRIDE

Every manifestation of pride falls into one of these four categories:

1. When I begin to assume responsibilities that belong to God
 - a. My protection - God is my protector Ps. 18:2
 - b. To be critical or judgmental of others - God is the judge. Rom. 2:1-3
 - c. To take control of my life and situations - I Tim. 6:15; Pr. 3:5-7

2. Looking to someone or something to give me only what God can give
 - a. Worth, value, significance, acceptance. Because of the death of Jesus Christ, I have all these in Christ Jesus. Eph. 1:3-6

3. Holding on to things that rightly belong to God
 - a. My life, physical body, time, plans, secret desires - Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:2

4. Neglecting or rejecting what God has clearly told me to do. James 4:6-10

I. Assuming responsibilities
 A. Protector
 B. Judge
 C. Counselor
 D. Savior
 E. Sustainer
 F. Guide
 G. Critic
 H. Controller

 II. Looking to someone or something to give me only what God can give
 A. Worth
 B. Value
 C. Significance
 D. Direction
 E. Protection
 F. Guidance
 G. Help
 H. Acceptance

 III. Holding on to things that rightly belong to God
 A. My life
 B. Plans/future
 C. Family/children
 D. Friends
 E. Music
 F. Possessions
 G. Secret desires
 H. Expectations
 I. Control
 J. Emotional focus
 K. Making others dependent on me

 IV. Neglecting or rejecting what God has called me to do
 A. Resting in the finished work of Christ
 B. Recognizing myself dead to sin and alive to God
 C. Meditation
 D. Denial of self
 E. Embracing our sufferings
 F. Forgiving
 G. Prayer
 H. Service